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- 1. TECHNICALLY, INTEREST EARNED BY FOREIGN BANK ON LOAN TO KOREAN BORROWERS IS RPT IS SUBJECT TO KOREAN CORPORATE INCOME TAX, WHETHER OR NOT FOREIGN BANK IS INCORPORATED IN KOREA. ACCORDING TO LOCAL BANKING SOURCE HOWEVER, KOREAN GOVERNMENT ROUTINELY WAIVES TAXES FOR MOST LOANS INDUCED FROM ABROAD. FOREIGN BANK IS ADVISED TO ENSURE THAT CLAUSE TO THAT EFFECT IS INCLUDED IN LOAN AGREEMENT.
- 2. DOUBLE TAXATIONLTREATY BETWEEN U.S. AND KOREA WAS SIGNED IN 1976 BUT IS STILL AWAITING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RATIFICATION. WE ANTICIPATE THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN THIS YEAR. SNEIDER

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